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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents were provided in the parent Application No. 09/685,930 ('930 application), and thus, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), are not being provided herein.

The listed Japanese language documents are each cited in the specification at page 1, and are relevant for the reasons noted therein. In addition, Applicant obtained from a commercial database, and submitted in the parent case, English language abstracts for those Japanese documents.

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